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Re: Patent Application
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In the Office Action dated February 18, 2003 respecting the captioned application, Form PTO-892 was missing and only the following references were received:

Okada et al.	5,289,004
Shimada et al.	6,335,522
Majumdar et al.	5,581,083
Gemma et al.	5,675,532
Hillner et al.	5,479,024
Hirokane et al.	5,767,891
Quate	5,633,455

On page 10 of the February 18 Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 12 and 15 as unpatentable over Quate 5,354,985; however, this reference was also not received.

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Applicants respectfully request that the PTO furnish complete copies of Form PTO-892 and the '985 reference and any other references that may have been cited on Form PTO-892 which are not listed above, and, since claims 12 and 15 have been rejected as unpatentable over the '985 reference, it is requested that the date for responding to the February 18, 2003 Office Action be reset to run three months from the date of mailing of all missing papers.

Respectfully submitted,

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